

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR EHB 1029

Citations Affected: IC 5-1.5; IC 6-1.1; IC 6-3; IC 20-12; noncode.

Synopsis: Education. Provides that the Indiana bond bank may purchase school buses for sale or lease to school corporations. Relaxes certain restrictions on a school corporation when the school corporation seeks to buy or lease a school bus from the Indiana bond bank. Provides a credit against the adjusted gross income tax liability of: (1) an individual; or (2) a married couple; for contributions to an Indiana college choice 529 investment plan in the amount of 20% of the contributions made by the individual or married couple during the taxable year, to a maximum of \$1,000. Provides that certain installment contracts entered into by state universities are exempt from certain requirements governing bond issues. Permits certain bonds issued by Purdue University for deferred repair and rehabilitation expenses to be issued without the prior approval of the general assembly. Permits refunding bonds to be issued without the approval of the state budget committee and the governor. Authorizes Indiana University and Purdue University to issue revenue bonds for facilities if: (1) the facilities are at the West Lafayette, Indianapolis, or Bloomington campuses; (2) the facilities are used for clinical, medical, scientific, engineering, or other similar research purposes; and (3) revenue will be available in an amount at least equal to debt service for the bonds. Prohibits the universities from paying the debt service requirements and maintenance expenses of the research facilities from student fees or money appropriated by the general assembly. Gives legislative approval to the following projects: (1) Indiana State University for bonding for a student recreation center project; (2) Ball State University to issue bonds for renovation and expansion of a recreation center; (3) the University of Southern Indiana to issue bonds for a university center expansion. Authorizes a state educational institution to set tuition and fee rates for certain students. **(This conference committee report does the following: (1) Provides that certain installment contracts entered into by state universities are exempt from certain requirements governing bond issues. (2) Adds the university bonding provisions described above. (3) Authorizes a state educational institution to set tuition and fee rates for certain students.)**

Effective: Upon passage; July 1, 2006; January 1, 2007.

Adopted

Rejected

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed Senate Amendments to Engrossed House Bill No. 1029 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:

that the House recede from its dissent from all Senate amendments and that the House now concur in all Senate amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:
- 2 SECTION 1. IC 5-1.5-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
- 3 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) The bank may issue its
- 4 bonds or notes in principal amounts that it considers necessary to
- 5 provide funds for any purposes under this article, including:
- 6 (1) the purchase or acquisition of securities;
- 7 (2) the making of loans to or agreements with qualified entities
- 8 through the purchase of securities;
- 9 (3) the payment, funding, or refunding of the principal of, or
- 10 interest or redemption premiums on, bonds or notes issued by it
- 11 whether the bonds or notes or interest to be paid, funded, or
- 12 refunded have or have not become due; ~~and~~
- 13 (4) the establishment or increase of reserves to secure or to pay
- 14 bonds or notes or interest on bonds or notes and all other costs or
- 15 expenses of the bank incident to and necessary or convenient to
- 16 carry out its corporate purposes and powers; **and**
- 17 **(5) the acquisition of school buses to be leased or sold to school**
- 18 **corporations (as defined in IC 36-1-2-17).**
- 19 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this article or by the board, every
- 20 issue of bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the bank payable
- 21 out of the revenues or funds of the bank, subject only to agreements
- 22 with the holders of a particular series of bonds or notes pledging a
- 23 particular revenue or fund. Bonds or notes may be additionally secured

by a pledge of a grant or contributions from the United States, a qualified entity, or a person or a pledge of income or revenues, funds, or money of the bank from any source.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), the total amount of bank bonds and notes outstanding at any one (1) time, except:

(1) bonds or notes issued to fund or refund bonds or notes; and

(2) bonds or notes issued for the purpose of purchasing an agreement executed by a qualified entity under IC 21-1-5;

may not exceed one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) for qualified entities described in IC 5-1.5-1-8(1) through IC 5-1.5-1-8(4) and IC 5-1.5-1-8(8) through IC 5-1.5-1-8(11).

(d) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), the total amount of bank bonds and notes outstanding at any one (1) time, except bonds or notes issued to fund or refund bonds or notes, may not exceed two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000) for qualified entities described in IC 5-1.5-1-8(5) through IC 5-1.5-1-8(6).

(e) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), the total amount of bank bonds and notes outstanding at any one (1) time, except bonds or notes issued to fund or refund bonds or notes, may not exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for qualified entities described in IC 5-1.5-1-8(7).

(f) The limitations contained in subsections (c), (d), and (e) do not apply to bonds, notes, or other obligations of the bank if:

(1) the bonds, notes, or other obligations are not secured by a reserve fund under IC 5-1.5-5; or

(2) funds and investments, and the anticipated earned interest on those funds and investments, are irrevocably set aside in amounts sufficient to pay the principal, interest, and premium on the bonds, notes, or obligations at their respective maturities or on the date or dates fixed for redemption.

SECTION 2. IC 5-1.5-8-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) Every qualified entity is authorized and empowered to contract with the bank with respect to the loan or purchase of its securities, and the contracts shall contain the terms and conditions of the loan or purchase and may be in any form agreed to by the bank and the qualified entity, including a customary form of bond ordinance or resolution. Every qualified entity is authorized and empowered to pay fees and charges required to be paid to the bank for its services.

(b) Notwithstanding any statute applicable to or constituting any limitation on the sale of bonds or notes or on entry into an agreement, any qualified entity may sell its securities to the bank, without limitation as to denomination, at a private sale at such price or prices as may be determined by the bank and the qualified entity.

(c) Notwithstanding any law that applies to or constitutes a limitation on the leasing or disposition of materials or other property, **and subject to subsection (d)**, any qualified entity, or any purchasing agency (as defined in IC 5-22-2-25) of a qualified entity, may:

(1) assign or sell a lease **or purchase contract** for property to the bank; **or**

(2) enter into a lease **or purchase contract** for property with the bank; **or**

(3) buy property from or sell property to the bank;
 at any price and under any other terms and conditions as may be
 determined by the bank and the qualified entity. ~~However,~~

**(d) This subsection does not apply to a school corporation that
 buys or leases a school bus from the bank under IC 5-1.5-4-1(a)(5).**
 Before ~~making taking~~ an assignment or sale of a lease or entering into
 a ~~lease action described~~ under this subsection (c)(1) through (c)(3)
 that would otherwise be subject to IC 5-22, ~~the~~ a qualified entity or its
 purchasing agent must obtain or cause to be obtained a purchase price
 for the property to be subject to **the sale, purchase contract, or the**
 lease from the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in accordance
 with the requirements for the purchase of supplies under IC 5-22.

SECTION 3. IC 6-1.1-19-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2005,
 SECTION 90, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 8. (a) A school corporation
 must file a petition requesting approval from the department of local
 government finance to incur bond indebtedness, enter into a lease rental
 agreement, or repay from the debt service fund loans made for the
 purchase of school buses under IC 20-27-4-5 not later than twenty-four
 (24) months after the first date of publication of notice of a preliminary
 determination under IC 6-1.1-20-3.1(2), unless the school corporation
 demonstrates that a longer period is reasonable in light of the school
 corporation's facts and circumstances. A school corporation must obtain
 approval from the department of local government finance before the
 school corporation may:

- (1) incur the indebtedness;
- (2) enter into the lease agreement; or
- (3) repay the school bus purchase loan.

This restriction does not apply to ad valorem property taxes which a
 school corporation levies to pay or fund bond or lease rental
 indebtedness created or incurred before July 1, 1974. **In addition, this
 restriction does not apply to a lease agreement or a purchase
 agreement entered into between a school corporation and the
 Indiana bond bank for the lease or purchase of a school bus under
 IC 5-1.5-4-1(a)(5), if the lease agreement or purchase agreement
 conforms with the school corporation's ten (10) year school bus
 replacement plan approved by the department of local government
 finance under IC 21-2-11.5-3.1.**

(b) The department of local government finance may either approve,
 disapprove, or modify then approve a school corporation's proposed
 lease rental agreement, bond issue or school bus purchase loan. Before
 it approves or disapproves a proposed lease rental agreement, bond
 issue or school bus purchase loan, the department of local government
 finance may seek the recommendation of the tax control board.

(c) The department of local government finance shall render a
 decision not more than three (3) months after the date it receives a
 request for approval under subsection (a). However, the department of
 local government finance may extend this three (3) month period by an
 additional three (3) months if, at least ten (10) days before the end of
 the original three (3) month period, the department sends notice of the
 extension to the executive officer of the school corporation. A school

corporation may petition for judicial review of the final determination of the department of local government finance under this section. The petition must be filed in the tax court not more than forty-five (45) days after the department enters its order under this section.

(d) After December 31, 1995, the department of local government finance may not approve a school corporation's proposed lease rental agreement or bond issue to finance the construction of additional classrooms unless the school corporation first:

- (1) establishes that additional classroom space is necessary; and
- (2) conducts a feasibility study, holds public hearings, and hears public testimony on using a twelve (12) month school term (instead of the nine (9) month school term (as defined in IC 20-30-2-7)) rather than expanding classroom space.

(e) This section does not apply to school bus purchase loans made by a school corporation which will be repaid solely from the general fund of the school corporation.

(f) A taxpayer may petition for judicial review of the final determination of the department of local government finance under this section. The petition must be filed in the tax court not more than thirty (30) days after the department enters its order under this section.

SECTION 4. IC 6-3-3-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS** [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007]: **Sec. 12. (a) As used in this section, "college choice 529 education savings plan" refers to a college choice 529 investment plan established under IC 21-9.**

(b) As used in this section, "taxpayer" means:

- (1) an individual filing a single return; or**
- (2) a married couple filing a joint return.**

(c) A taxpayer is entitled to a credit against the taxpayer's adjusted gross income tax imposed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7 for a taxable year equal to the least of the following:

- (1) Twenty percent (20%) of the amount of each contribution made by the taxpayer to a college choice 529 education savings plan during the taxable year.**
- (2) One thousand dollars (\$1,000).**
- (3) The amount of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income tax imposed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7 for the taxable year, reduced by the sum of all credits (as determined without regard to this section) allowed by IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7.**

(d) A taxpayer is not entitled to a carryback, carryover, or refund of an unused credit.

(e) A taxpayer may not sell, assign, convey, or otherwise transfer the tax credit provided by this section.

(f) To receive the credit provided by this section, a taxpayer must claim the credit on the taxpayer's annual state tax return or returns in the manner prescribed by the department. The taxpayer shall submit to the department all information that the department determines is necessary for the calculation of the credit provided by this section.

SECTION 5. IC 20-12-6-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 7. (a) Subject to**

~~section~~ **sections 16 and 17** of this chapter, bonds may be issued in an amount or amounts that do not exceed the maximum amount determined by the governing board of the issuing corporation.

(b) The bonds may be issued in the form and upon the terms and conditions, at the rate or rates of interest, and in the denominations which may be made convertible into different denominations as the governing board of the corporation may determine by the adoption of a resolution or approval of a form of trust indenture between the corporation and a designated corporate trustee, or both.

(c) The resolution or the indenture may include provisions for:

(1) protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies of the holders of the bonds being issued;

(2) covenants setting forth the duties of the corporation and its officers in relation to the acquisition, construction, operation, maintenance, use, and abandonment of the building facility, and insurance thereof;

(3) the custody, safeguarding, application, and investment of all money;

(4) the rights and remedies of the trustee and the holders of the bonds being issued;

(5) the issuance of additional bonds as provided in the resolution or indenture; and

(6) other terms, conditions, and covenants as the governing board of the corporation determines are proper, including provision for the establishment of a debt service reserve by:

(A) the use of bond proceeds or other sources;

(B) the furnishing of an insurance policy, surety bond, or letter of credit; or

(C) any combination of clause (A) or (B).

(d) The bonds shall be sold at public or negotiated sale as provided by IC 4-1-5.

(e) All bonds and the interest coupons appertaining to the bonds issued under this chapter shall be negotiable instruments within the meaning and for all purposes under the laws of this state, subject only to the provisions of the bonds for registration as to principal or as to principal and interest. Any bonds registered as to principal and interest may be made convertible to bearer bonds with coupons.

(f) No action to contest the validity of any bonds issued under this chapter shall be brought after the fifteenth day following:

(1) the first publication of notice of the sale or intent to sell the bonds under IC 4-1-5, if the bonds are sold at public sale; or

(2) the publication one (1) time in newspapers described in IC 4-1-5-1 of notice of execution and delivery of the contract of sale for the bonds, if the bonds are sold at negotiated sale.

(g) The corporation shall publish notice under subsection (f)(2) if it sells bonds at negotiated sale within thirty (30) days of execution of the contract of sale for the bonds.

(h) The rate or rates of interest of the bonds may be fixed or variable. Variable rates shall be determined in the manner and in accordance with the procedures set forth in the resolution or indenture authorizing the issuance of the bonds. Bonds bearing a variable rate of interest may

be converted to bonds bearing a fixed rate or rates of interest to the extent and in the manner set forth in the resolution or indenture pursuant to which the bonds are issued. The interest may be payable semiannually, annually, or at any other interval or intervals as may be provided in the resolution or indenture, or the interest may be compounded and paid at maturity or at any other times as specified in the resolution or indenture.

(i) The bonds may be made subject, at the option of the holders, to mandatory redemption by the corporation at the times and under the circumstances set forth in the authorizing resolution or indenture.

(j) A resolution or the indenture may contain provisions regarding the investment of money, sale, exchange, or disposal of property and the manner of authorizing and making payments, notwithstanding IC 5-13 or any general statute relating to these matters.

SECTION 6. IC 20-12-6-13 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 13. The term "bond" or "bonds" as used in this chapter means any bonds (including refunding bonds), notes, temporary, interim, or permanent certificates of indebtedness, debentures, or other obligations evidencing indebtedness for borrowed money. **The term does not include installment contracts or similar instruments under section 2 of this chapter.**

SECTION 7. IC 20-12-6-17 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. (a) Except for notes issued under section 8.5 of this chapter and except as provided in subsections ~~(d)~~ and (e) **through (g)**, no bonds shall be issued for a project by the corporations under this chapter unless the general assembly:

(1) has specifically approved the project to be financed through the issuance and sale of these bonds; and

(2) has provided the amount of bonds which may be issued to fund the costs of acquiring, constructing, remodeling, renovating, furnishing, or equipping the specific project approved.

(b) In addition to and in connection with the amount of bonds that may be issued by a corporation for a specific project as provided in subsection (a)(2), the corporations may also issue bonds in amounts necessary to provide funds for debt service reserves, bond or reserve insurance, and other costs without additional approval by the general assembly, if these costs are incidental to the issuance of bonds for the project.

(c) The bonds, regardless of when the amount of bonds was approved by the general assembly, may be issued in an amount not exceeding:

(1) the amount of bonds approved by the general assembly together with the amounts described in subsection (b); plus

(2) the amount of the discount below par value, if bonds are sold at a price below par value under IC 4-1-5-1.

(d) As used in this subsection, "fee replacement" means payments to a corporation to be used to pay indebtedness resulting from financing the cost of planning, purchasing, rehabilitation, construction, repair, leasing, lease-purchasing, or otherwise acquiring land, buildings, facilities, and equipment to be used for

academic and instructional purposes. A power granted under this section to issue bonds without the specific approval of the general assembly shall not be construed to permit the issuance of the bonds without the specific approvals required under section 16 of this chapter. Bonds issued without the specific approval of the general assembly are not eligible for fee replacement.

~~(d)~~ (e) Bonds may be issued by a corporation without the approval of the general assembly if, after the issuance, the total amount of outstanding bonds issued by the corporation without approval will not exceed ~~one~~ **two** million dollars ~~(\$1,000,000): (\$2,000,000)~~. However, the bonds must be approved as provided in section 16 of this chapter.

~~(e)~~ (f) Bonds may be issued by a corporation without the approval of the general assembly to finance a qualified energy savings project (as defined in IC 20-12-5.5) if ~~(1)~~ annual operating savings to ~~a~~ **the** corporation arising from the implementation of a qualified energy savings project are reasonably expected to be at least equal to annual debt service requirements on bonds issued for this purpose in each fiscal year. ~~and (2) However, the amount of bonds that may be issued by each outstanding for the corporation at any time for qualified energy savings projects, other than refunding bonds and exclusive of costs described in subsections (b) and (c), does may not exceed ten million dollars (\$10,000,000).~~

(g) Bonds may be issued by the trustees of Purdue University without the approval of the general assembly for deferred expenditures, as determined under accounting principles approved by the state board of accounts, to:

- (1) repair, rehabilitate, remodel, renovate, or reconstruct existing facilities or buildings;
- (2) improve or replace utilities or fixed equipment; or
- (3) perform related site improvement work.

However, the total amount of bonds issued for the corporation under this subsection without the approval of the general assembly, other than refunding bonds and exclusive of costs described in subsections (b) and (c), may not exceed sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000).

SECTION 8. IC 20-12-7-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.235-2005, SECTION 196, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) No bonds shall be issued by the respective trustees under the provisions of this chapter without the specific approval of:

- (1) the budget agency, if the bonds are issued for the refunding or advance refunding of any outstanding bonds approved as required by this chapter and the institution makes the findings described in subsection (b); and
- (2) the budget committee, budget agency, and the governor, if subdivision (1) does not apply.

The budget agency may request and consider the recommendation of the staff of the Indiana finance authority with respect to the approval of a bond issue under this section.

(b) An institution may provide for refunding or advance refunding of any outstanding bonds under subsection (a)(1)

whenever the board of trustees of the institution finds that the refunding or advance refunding will effect a benefit to the institution because:

- (1) a net savings to the institution will be effected; or
- (2) the net present value of principal and interest payments on the bonds is less than the net present value of the principal and interest payments on the outstanding bonds to be refunded.

SECTION 9. IC 20-12-8-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) The trustees of Indiana University, the trustees of Purdue University, Indiana State University board of trustees, the University of Southern Indiana board of trustees, and the Ball State University board of trustees are authorized and empowered, from time to time, if the governing boards of these corporations find that a necessity exists, to erect, construct, reconstruct, extend, remodel, improve, complete, equip, furnish, operate, control, and manage:

- (1) dormitories and other housing facilities for single and married students and school personnel;
- (2) food service facilities;
- (3) student infirmaries and other health service facilities including revenue-producing hospital facilities serving the general public, together with parking facilities and other appurtenances in connection with any of the foregoing; or
- (4) parking facilities in connection with academic facilities; or
- ~~(5) medical research; facilities associated with a school of medicine; if the facilities will generate revenue from state, federal, local, or private gifts, grants, contractual payments, or reimbursements in an amount that is reasonably expected to at least equal the annual debt service requirements of the bonds for the facility for each fiscal year that the bonds are outstanding;~~

at or in connection with Indiana University, Purdue University, Indiana State University, the University of Southern Indiana, and Ball State University, for the purposes of the respective institutions. ~~These~~

(b) The trustees of Indiana University and the trustees of Purdue University may, from time to time, if the governing boards of these corporations find that a necessity exists, erect, construct, reconstruct, extend, remodel, improve, complete, equip, furnish, operate, control, and manage facilities used for clinical, medical, scientific, engineering, or other similar qualitative, quantitative, or experimental research, if revenue from state, federal, local, or private gifts, grants, contractual payments, or reimbursements is available in an amount that is reasonably expected to at least equal the annual debt service requirements of the bonds and the costs to operate the facility for each fiscal year that the bonds are outstanding at or in connection with any of the following campuses of Indiana University or Purdue University:

- (1) Purdue University-West Lafayette Campus.**
- (2) Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI).**
- (3) Indiana University-Bloomington Campus.**

Neither student fees nor money appropriated by the general

assembly may be used to pay the debt service requirements or the maintenance expenses of a facility described in this subsection.

(c) The corporations described in subsection (a) or (b) are also authorized and empowered to acquire, by purchase, lease, condemnation, gift or otherwise, any property, real or personal, that in the judgment of these corporations is necessary for the purposes set forth in this section. The corporations may improve and use any property acquired for the purposes set forth in this section.

~~(b)~~ (d) Title to all property so acquired, including the improvements located on the property, shall be taken and held by and in the name of the corporations. If the governing board of any of these corporations determines that real estate, the title to which is in the name of the state, for the use and benefit of the corporation or institution under its control, is reasonably required for any of the purposes set forth in this section, the real estate may, upon request in writing of the governing board of the corporation to the governor of the state and upon the approval of the governor, be conveyed by deed from the state to the corporation. The governor shall be authorized to execute and deliver the deed in the name of the state, signed on behalf of the state by the governor, attested by the auditor of state and with the seal of the state affixed to the deed.

SECTION 10. IC 20-12-8-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.235-2005, SECTION 197, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) No bonds shall be issued by the corporations under the provisions of this chapter without the specific approval of:

(1) the budget agency, if the bonds are issued for the refunding or advance refunding of any outstanding bonds approved as required by this chapter and the corporation makes the findings described in subsection (b); and

(2) the budget committee, budget agency, and the governor, if subdivision (1) does not apply.

The budget agency may request and consider the recommendation of the staff of the Indiana finance authority with respect to the approval of a bond issue under this section.

(b) A corporation may provide for refunding or advance refunding of any outstanding bonds under subsection (a)(1) whenever the board of trustees of the corporation finds that the refunding or advance refunding will effect a benefit to the corporation because:

(1) a net savings to the corporation will be effected; or

(2) the net present value of principal and interest payments on the bonds is less than the net present value of the principal and interest payments on the outstanding bonds to be refunded.

SECTION 11. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006] The trustees of Indiana State University may issue and sell bonds under IC 20-12-6, subject to the approvals required by IC 20-12-5.5, for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping the Student Recreation Center Project, if the sum of principal costs of any bond issued, excluding amounts necessary to provide money for debt service reserves, credit enhancement, or other costs incidental to the issuance of the bonds, does not exceed twenty-four million

dollars (\$24,000,000). The project is not eligible for fee replacement or plant expansion funding.

SECTION 12. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006] The trustees of Ball State University may issue and sell bonds under IC 20-12-6, subject to the approvals required by IC 20-12-5.5, for the purpose of renovation and expansion of a recreation center, if the sum of principal costs of any bond issued, excluding amounts necessary to provide money for debt service reserves, credit enhancement, or other costs incidental to the issuance of the bonds, does not exceed thirty-nine million dollars (\$39,000,000). The project is not eligible for fee replacement or plant expansion funding.

SECTION 13. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006] The trustees of the University of Southern Indiana may issue and sell bonds under IC 20-12-6, subject to the approvals required by IC 20-12-5.5, for the purpose of constructing, furnishing, and equipping a university center expansion, if the sum of principal costs of any bond issued, excluding amounts necessary to provide money for debt service reserves, credit enhancement, or other costs incidental to the issuance of the bonds, does not exceed four million dollars (\$4,000,000). The project is not eligible for fee replacement or plant expansion funding.

SECTION 14. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007] IC 6-3-3-12, as added by this act, applies to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006.

SECTION 15. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) Notwithstanding IC 20-12-1-12, a state educational institution that did not set 2006-2007 tuition and fee rates for:

- (1) nonresident undergraduate students; and
- (2) resident and nonresident graduate and professional students;

at the time that the state educational institution set resident undergraduate tuition and fee rates, is authorized to set tuition and fee rates for students described in subdivisions (1) and (2) for the 2006-2007 year only. The percentage increase for the 2006-2007 tuition and fee rates set under this SECTION may not exceed the percentage increase set for 2005-2006.

(b) A state educational institution shall hold a public hearing before setting any tuition and fee rates under this SECTION. The state educational institution shall give public notice of the hearing at least ten (10) days before the hearing. The public notice must

- 1 **include the specific proposal for tuition and fee rate increases and**
- 2 **the expected uses of the revenue to be raised by the proposed**
- 3 **increases. The hearing shall be held on or before May 15, 2006.**
- 4 **(c) This SECTION expires June 30, 2006.**
- 5 **SECTION 16. An emergency is declared for this act.**
(Reference is to EHB 1029 as reprinted March 1, 2006.)

Conference Committee Report
on
Engrossed House Bill 1029

Signed by:

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